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Michael J. Copps Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 Jim Strand FCC Mail Room 11931 54th Avenue North Plymouth, Minnesota 55442-1843

Subject: Federal Communications Commission Docket 06-121, Media Ownership

Dear Commissioner Copps,

It has come to my attention that once again the Federal Communications Commission Chairman, Kevin Martin, plans on holding closed door meetings to loosen the media ownership limits. I strongly disagree on two points. One that such a critical matter is discussed behind closed doors and that the media ownership limits be loosened. If anything, the media ownership limits should be tightened. Since the ownership limits were last eased:

- The media control has been consolidated into the hands of a few.
- The price of broadcast facilities have sky rocketed thus denying media participation to all but a few of the very wealthiest with end result of silencing minority opinion in our society.

The media are the life blood of a democracy and they are too important to be held in the hands of a few that can limit our access to information and diverse ideas.

Please hold the meetings in public and to not loosen the ownership rules.

Sincerely

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